



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**
Corporate Senior Executive Management Office
Washington, DC 20420

December 15, 2021

In Reply Refer To: FOIA# 19-03918-F

Mr. Hart Wood
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
Via email: FOIA@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter is the initial agency decision on regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request dated January 28, 2019. The Corporate Senior Executive Management Office (CSEMO) received your request on February 7, 2019 and assigned it FOIA tracking number 19-03918-F.

On January 28, 2019, you requested:

- All records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by your agency for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any political appointee. Payments or reimbursements include any payments associated with travel (including the travel of any staff or security detail assigned to a political appointee), long-term housing, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for government employees and/or their spouses, lodging, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government-issued charge cards or travel cards, or any other reimbursable expenses. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/21/2018 To 1/25/2019).

After a thorough search of CSEMO's three divisions; Executive Development and Outreach, Policy and Programs and Recruitment and Operations, no responsive records were found. Subsequently, we have closed our portion of your FOIA request.

You have the right to appeal this partial response within 90 days if you do not agree with this determination. You may appeal in writing to:

Office of General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

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Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

You may also submit your appeal via facsimile to (202) 273-6388 or via email to ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov. If you do appeal this determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. Please include a copy of your request and my letter with your appeal, and clearly state why you disagree with this determination. If you mail your appeal, both the front of the envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal". Please also include a daytime telephone number in case the Office of General Counsel needs additional information.

In addition to filing an appeal with the Office of General Counsel you may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services regarding your FOIA request from VHA's FOIA Public Liaison and or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:
Email Address: vhafoia2@va.gov
Phone Number: (877) 461-5038

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Mailing address: Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 461-5548.

Sincerely,

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